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THE MIDDLEBURY CAMPUS.

WRITING AS A PROFESSION.

[By Arthur Wallace Peach.]

THIS brief article attempts to discuss in a general way, only, the phases of writing, some of its difficulties, and possible rewards. It is intended to present, as far as it is possible to do so in limited space, an accurate survey of facts of which a college woman or man should have knowledge, if he wishes to consider writing as a means of livelihood.

To those not familiar with the rapid changes in publishing circles, the idea that writing may be seriously considered a profession, and followed as a vocation rather than avocation, would seem to be air-drawn; but as a matter of fact, it ranks today with any of the older professions, Law, Medicine, Engineering, in its standards, income, and influence. Authorship can be looked forward to by a college student, prepared for, and success be just as probable as the success the engineer or lawyer expects to attain. It offers work of a character far removed from that of other professions; its possibilities of achievement are as wide, and its rewards as commensurate with ability and application.

The first opportunity to qualify as a writer often comes through newspaper work, and since it is closely allied with other fields of literary endeavor, it may be discussed briefly here. It has four phases: general reporting, editorial writing, Sunday feature-writing, and editing. The wage of the reporter runs from ten dollars to twenty-five a week. Editorial writing, one of the so-called "desk jobs" pays more, salaries in some cases running high into the thousands; but the number of positions is limited, and the work calls for men of special knowledge and equipment. Sunday feature-writing is the term given to the writing of the material that fills the Sunday issues of the city papers. The income from such a source is variable; and the matter is usually worked up by members of the staff or special writers.

It should be stated frankly that the life of a newspaper man is generally considered to be a grind, and financially offers no

great inducements unless the reporter works into some of the higher places; even there effective work receives no general recognition, for the writer's personality is buried in the organization. However, for the man in love with life, with a liberal supply of courage and what is known as "face", anxious to have a part in and be a witness of the play of human forces, newspaper work has much to offer. Often the reporter is graduated into one of the editor's chairs, or into the field of fiction writing where the knowledge of human nature he has gained through his reporter's experience enables him to do wonderfully effective work.

In reality, newspaper work is wholly outside the area in which the professional writer generally confines himself. He produces articles, fiction, or verse; some times he combines these lines of writing, while another makes a specialty of one. For the purpose of bringing out a few facts regarding each division, they will will be considered separately.

The writing of articles, as material other than fiction or verse is termed, calls for accurate knowledge, a clear style, the ability to dress up facts and make them attractive. Writing along this line ranges from such work as Ray Standard Baker has done for leading magazines to the material in the household and farmers' journals. No really satisfactory estimate can be given of the financial side of such work; staff positions pay from the hundreds to the thousands. For articles submitted by other than staff writers payments depend on the matter and the market. The topics cover every conceivable phase of modern day life from a new idea in a farmer's planting to the latest theory regarding the inhabitants of Mars.

The writing of fiction offers the greatest opportunity to the professional writer. As a result of education, readers have multiplied, and magazines have followed suit until there is a wide and evergrowing market for all kinds of fiction. The market for stories is wide, and the rewards large. Thousands of writers in the country whose names are never heralded in advertisements with the "best sellers" are averaging from $1000 to $5000 yearly. The incomes of those who are well known no one can compute accurately, but Jack London, Rex Beach, William Dean Howells and others are known to receive a rate of $1000 for a short story. The best writers receive 7 1-2, 8, or 10 cents

a word. Most short story writers try the novel form, sooner or later, and a fortune is often made by the attempt. Miss Johnston has cleared between $60,000 and $70,000 from royalties on "To Have and to Hold." Mr. F. Hopkinson Smith received $37,000 from the *Scribners* for one of his novels. So the mention of other writers might go on, for there are others who have found a novel a miniature Klondike.

These figures and the dreams they bring are attractive, without doubt, but the would-be writer should shut his eyes tight to any lure that they may have for him, and remember that only one in every thousand novels proves even worth publishing, and out of the numbers published the ones that more than pay printing expenses are not numerous. The above incomes are the exceptions, and should be considered simply as proof that publishers are willing to pay and pay high for fiction, and behind the publishers is the great reading public. What the aspirant should consider is: If certain writers are making thousands of dollars, in the very nature of the case others must be making hundreds. The average writer whose name is comparatively unkown receives from $50 to $100 for a short story. In the cheap all-fiction magazine the price averages $15 to $35, but writers for such markets usually turn out four or five stories a month.

The financial side of writing has been sketched in this way, because the financial side is of the greatest importance. A man had better shovel coal for a living rather than go into writing with the idea of following it as an esthetic pursuit. Writing has all that any other profession has: ample rewards for effective service. No writer should look askance at such rewards. The one who does deem his work removed from the sordid business side of life is the one who dodges his creditors; the one who recognizes the great importance of its financial side is the one who, as George Randolph Chester says, "gets his hair cut and pays his bills".

But there is another phase to be considered. Writing, like life, has values which cannot be figured in dollars and cents. The writer knows what the lawyer, the doctor, the teacher, never know—the exquisite joy of creation. Thackeray is said to have rolled on the floor in sheer paroxysms of delight after creating one of his famous characters. Every writer knows in slight measure just why Thackeray felt as he did. The point of

this paragraph is in the answer of a poet who, pleading poverty as the reason he could not join in an expensive proposition, was taunted by a friend whose income was large as a buyer of women's suits for a local department store. The poet's reply was significant to the present writer who heard it, for it epitomizes in exaggerated terms the feeling of men who are getting a great deal more than money can give out of life. The answer was: "I'd rather write a little poem and sell it for five dollars, than sell $1000 worth of women's shirt waists to Eisenberg & Hopper, and get $500 dollars for doing it!"

The fiction writer has come to his own, but there seems to be little room for the poet in these materialistic days. Yet he, too, can make a living and win some fame, if he has mastered the technique of verse, lived somewhat, worked hard and studied the magazine market; but few ever fill these requirements completely enough to win success. Serious verse is not so much in demand as what is termed "light verse", verse of a cheerful, humorous nature. A writer who can furnish the latter will find editors ready to snap it up at good prices. Poetry and verse—the gulf between the two is impassable—is generally written by writers active in other ways. It would be unwise—no doubt unlikely—for anyone, nowadays, to seriously consider making the writing of poetry his life work unless he is willing to face for a time or always, discouragement, lack of recognition, the careless, half civil tolerance of a money grubbing world that would much prefer to see him sawing wood. Whoever catches a glimpse of the Gleam, however, never turns back from the Great Quest. Keats is said to have looked conscious of a lofty purpose; and he wrote to a friend: "There is but one way for me. The road lies through study, application, and thought." But few would care to follow him.

Space does not permit a discussion of just what should be the preparation for the profession of writing. We have schools of journalism but none of writing; and it has been said that the way to authorship is by means of failure and perseverance. Yet methods of study could be suggested and followed which would make success a matter of ability as in any other field of human activity. An aspirant equipped with a college education, wide knowledge of past and present literature, training in technic, with a good knowledge of human nature, a sympathetic heart,

and perseverance can meet his just reward; but under this bald grouping lie requirements of hours of study, sincere practice, steady toiling for one goal.

Competition in the writing world is keen. Into the offices of the *Munsey* publications are poured fifty thousand and more manuscripts a year; of these twelve hunhred are used probably. But everywhere there is room for the *one who has something to say and knows how to say it;* and the editors care not where one lives, who his grandfather was, or if his name be Jones or such a cognomen as the writer of this article suffers under. Absolutely unknown, with no one to suggest or advise, he sent out verse and stories to the busiest editors in the country who showed him courtesy and attention, and honored him now and then with crisp bits of paper with perforated edges dear to a writer's heart—and others.

Surely, the profession of writing offers a livelihood, work in which skill grows as years pass, the joys of those who create, and the ever bright hope of some day doing the Magnum Opus whose fame shall "echo down the corridors of time." Visionary of course, is such a thought; but the man without dreams is hopeless.

Middlebury College is the place for the training of a great poet or a great writer. Away from the constant din, the false standards, the cynicism of life in the cities and larger places, is the opportunity for quiet thought, meditation, study, and the slow growth that builds strong, true, steadfast, the mind and the heart. But if the great poet, the great writer never appear, there is room for the minor poet who can send his little harp from door door, from hearthside to hearthside, where for a moment in the evening twilight, the strings may tremble into a snatch of song; room for the writer who can weave in humble tales the tears, the smiles, the laughter, the hopes, the dreams of lives of those about him, lift them for a little while out of the petty duties, the sordid round of uneventful days; room for the writer who can use his pen in the interests of Truth and Justice, and write of "The things as he sees them, for the God of things as they are".

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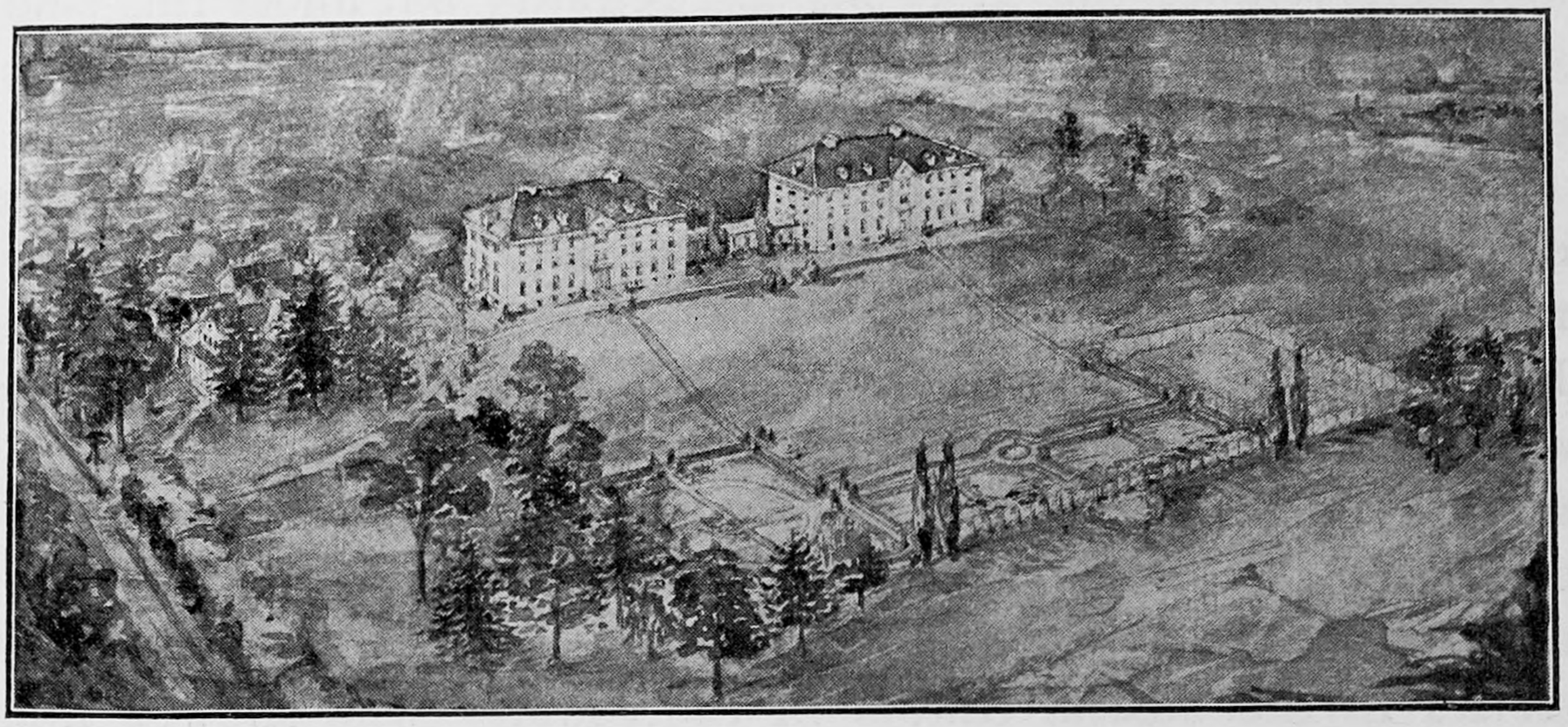


THE PROPOSED BATTELL CAMPUS.

IN the course of Miss Crawford's address to the alumnae and seniors at Pearsons Hall on Saturday afternoon, March 9, she showed to those present plans for the development of Battell campus, as shown in the accompanying cut. It may be clearly seen that these plans provide for the development of as attractive a campus as any in the country.

This sketch of the possible development of the campus for women has not been formally adopted by the college corporation, nor approved by the building committee, and the money for the new building suggested is not in sight. But it is well to look ahead and show what might be done, and how it would be well to begin. It was with this idea that three drawings were made, at the request of President Thomas, by M. W. Nicholas Albertson, architect of Pearsons Hall and the McCullough Gymnasium.

The first step suggested in the development is the planting of trees and shrubbery, of which the campus is at present almost bare. It is intended to plant trees to the north of the dormitories, so as to take away the bareness of the hill-top, and to plant them also in the southeast corner so as to, in a measure, balance the dormitories.

According to this project, the tennis courts which are at present directly in front of Pearsons Hall, are to be moved further east and to the north and their present location is to be used as the stage of an open-air theatre, the terrace above them to be utilized for the seating of the audience. Still further to the east, along the eastern boundary of the campus, conventional

gardens are planned, to furnish the nearer background for the open-air stage, while the Green Mountains furnish the distant background.

The sketch of the plans also includes a new dormitory to be placed directly north of Pearsons Hall, to be of the same size, and to be connected with Pearsons Hall by a colonnade of marble pillars. The room in the new hall, corresponding to the social hall in Pearsons, is located on the south side of the building and is a library. The idea of having the social hall at Pearsons connected by the colonnade with the library in the new hall is especially attractive.

Another attractive feature of the plans for the new hall is a good-sized gymnasium in the basement.

Miss Crawford said in speaking of these plans for the future campus that it was the purpose to so beautify the surroundings, that the girls, through the influence of the harmony which existed in their environment, should come to lead consistent and beautiful lives.

GUY BERTRAM HORTON.

LAWYER GUY BERTRAM HORTON of Burlington, who has directed the classes in political science during Professor Howard's enforced absence due to sickness, has had an interesting career.

Born in North Clarendon, Vt., in 1875, he prepared for college at the Rutland English and Classical Institute, entering Middlebury in the fall of 1896. Mr. Horton took an active interest in all student projects during his college course, serving in turn as associate editor, assistant editor-in-chief and, in his senior year, as editor-in-chief of *The Undergraduate*, serving also as editor-in-chief of the nineteen hundred class *Laurea*. He was a prominent member of the college Y. M. C. A., occupying the vice-president's chair in his junior year. He officiated as president while a senior. During his junior year Mr. Horton was class president. These numerous responsibilities did not prevent him from obtaining a high position in scholarship. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Moreover he received the degree of

Master of Arts in 1901 for work in the department of political science and economics.

Following his post graduate work he took up residence in Burlington, and began his work on the Vermont Digest. The next year found him at Middlebury in the chair of Political Science, Professor Howard having been granted a leave of absence for one year. In 1903 he resumed work on the State Digest which was not completed until 1910. The magnitude of this work is realized when one remembers that it covers the period from 1789 to 1905. Mr. Horton followed this publication by another, bringing the work up to date in April of last year. He has since then published a book on Vermont Limitations. At present Mr. Horton is a member of the firm of Shaw & Horton in Burlington.

MIDDLEBURY'S LUCK.

THE dinner of the alumni of Middlebury College in New York recently held must have been an occasion of joy to the old college's loyal sons.

President John M. Thomas announced the cheering news of the recent completion of $60,000 gymnasium building fund, the completion of the $200,000 general education fund, the authorization of a 60 acre purchase for addition to the campus and an increase in professional salaries for the third consecutive year. The dinner of Friday night was the 41st annual affair of the New York alumni.

Colleges like Middlebury have a very important place in the educational world. The idea that there should be a return from the somewhat flamboyant pretension of the big university to the simplicity of the old time smaller college is growing and the reaction may fairly be said to have all ready set in. The true and homely saying about plain living and high thinking is no worse for its triteness and its homeliness.—Exchange.

EDITORIALS.

FINANCE.

THE CAMPUS, aware of the fact that the subject of finance is properly the topic for troublesome, yea, unreasonable managers, would apologize for devoting its space to a topic of such narrow interest were it not for the fact that the situation has assumed an aspect not more unforseen than unprecedented. Treasurer Taylor reports that all debts have been canceled and a balance remains at hand. We say unprecedented and the records bear us out.

Futile efforts to obtain a fairer system of athletic taxation had occurred as often as possible. Our conscience had the graciousness to applaud the situation, content with the meagre apology that the prospect of a coming season offered. True enough our feelings were a wee bit agitated during the fall at the spectacle of our football team with their airy blankets, but this was merely transitory and by spring we had forgotten it in the hallucination of unlimited gate receipts and smaller guarantees.

The fact that the present situation was unforseen does not diminish its significance, moreover, should suggest even to those who indulge in old maid and tennis during contests on the athletic field, that deserving praise is due to those through whose efforts Manager Agnew will be able to replace those same airy blankets with some that are more substantial. Through the efforts of Physical Director Fisher, Arthur J. Pierce, Williams, '06, gave a series of readings in the college chapel on February 6. Encouraged by the result, Sheridan's "The Rivals" was presented on March 6. The success of "The Rivals" was largely due to the training by the Dean of Women, Miss Caroline Crawford, who spared neither time nor energy to assure the result. Incidently the students as a body have shown an active interest, especially as regards the football tax.

We referred above to the hallucination of unlimited gate returns and smaller guarantees in connection with baseball. Such insignificant details as rain guarantees and cancelled games are apt to be forgotten. They are nevertheless stern realities which the athletic association will certainly respect, should the student body rest on their laurels.

There is every incentive to good financial support from the student body this spring. The presence of Physical Director Fisher, the strong nucleus that we have in those of last year's team, the excellent freshman material, all indicate a winning nine. After a real struggle the Athletic association is in a position that will enable it to send onr teams to other colleges with proper equipment. If the members of the student body fail to meet their responsibility, if they neglect to pay the base ball tax, if they choose tennis in preference to attending base ball games, we will have the extreme pleasure of again witnessing Norwich men rolled comfortably in their army blankets and Middlebury men crouching under borrowed overcoats in a sheltered corner of the lot; we will again experience a football season during which the most essential medical remedies are as plentiful as victories; we will continue the very commendable system of selling Ms.

THE SONG BOOK.

We pride ourselves on having the oldest college building in Vermont. We exult in the history of those trying years, during and after the Civil War. We realize that Middlebury possesses the traditional life in some more concrete form than mere stories of the past, that our life here at "Old Midd" is still generous, democratic, a unique mingling of the serious and the boyish. All of us appreciate these to some extent, but only a senior can recognize their whole significance. The freshman pauses in the doorway of some senior room after the last grey-haired alumnus has departed. The June air is still. The shadowed walks are silent. The dormitory hall echoes an occasional disturber. The freshman contributes some well-intended pun and then, whistling some familiar song, rushes up to his room, thoughtless in the expectation of a green paddle and poster.

And it is that *familiar* song which is the occasion of this editorial. With a background of such sentiment and tradition, the fact that we have permitted the old college songs to be forgotten, the fact that no worthy contribution has been made during three years, the fact that our last editon of the song book is a wearisome memory, should stir us to some positive interest. This last edition, of which a few copies still persist in enduring, is not satisfactory, viewed from any standpoint. A new book

should be published under representative college management. A systematic effort to gather the good songs in the old book, to add representative college songs of other institutions and to obtain new Middlebury songs should be energetically pushed.

In the meantime the most sensible thing to do is to learn to sing those we have. A few men may know all the words of two of the college songs, but we doubt it. The conception of harmony that most of us possess reminds one of "bombs bursting in air".

Editor of The Campus:

COLLEGE POSTOFFCE.

Believing that THE CAMPUS should be utilized by the members of the student body whenever they have any matter which is broad enough to interest the college at large, I request that you publish this letter which concerns the possibility of providing a college postoffice. The present method of distributing the mail is very unsatisfactory. In making this statement I think I voice the sentiment of every man on the hill. This is not a personal reflection on any individual who is connected with the distribution. The fault lies in the system. Many students, who can afford it, have hired boxes at the village postoffice.

That is all very well, some one will say, but how can it be improved. There are many of us who think that the solution lies through the medium of the college book store. The bookstore is a college organization with faculty supervision. Would it not be practical to have a letter rack in the book store? This would eliminate to a large extent the present delay in distribution. The responsibility would be more justly determiued. Such a system could develop with the demand. '13.

ALUMNUS SECTION.

CAPTAIN LINUS E. SHERMAN.

CAPTAIN LINUS E. SHERMAN died at his home in Colorado Springs, Colorado, on Saturday, February 17, in the seventy-seventh year of his age. Captain Sherman was born in Fairfield, Vt., June 30, 1835. After preparation at Burr and Burton Seminary he attended Middlebury, receiving his degree in 1861. The next year found him the first lieutenant in Company A, 9th Regiment, Vermont Volunteers. He was promoted to captain in 1865. For eleven years following this he was engaged in business at Ludlow, Vt. From here he moved to Colorado Springs in 1877.

Captain Sherman was always an active participant in civic affairs, serving, among other duties, as member of the Vermont Constitutional Convention in 1868, and as member of the council and mayor in Colorado Springs. He was well known in Grand Army circles and was Commander of G. A. R., Department of Colorado and Wyoming in 1901. He leaves a wife, Mrs. Louise B. Sherman, a son, Clarence G., and three daughters, Agnes M., Gertrude C., and Marian H. Sherman.

DR. GUY FISHER, '08.

DR. GUY FISHER, a resident of Upton for several years and a graduate of the Fitchburg high school, died Saturday at Upton, aged 25 years, five months, eleven days. The deceased was a practicing dentist with an office in Medway. He was a graduate of the scientific department of Middlebury and the Harvard Dental School. Death came at the close of a ten weeks' illness from acute Brights disease. The funeral was held at Upton from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Fisher.

Dr. Fisher was born in Northfield, but moved to Upton with his parents, attending the Fitchburg schools.

Immediately after graduating from the high school in Upton he entered the scientific department of Middlebury College.

Afterward he graduated from Harvard and Harvard Dental School, specializing after his graduation under Dr. H. DeWitt Cross. He was popular during his college life and was a member of several of the prominent societies.

He is survived by his parents, George R. and Annie C. Fisher, and by two brothers, Percy E. of Chicago and Charles R. of Pittsfield. Interment was in Upton.

BOSTON ALUMNI BANQUET.

THE annual reunion and banquet of the Boston Alumni Association was held at the Copley Square Hotel, Boston, March 16. The reunion was the largest ever held in Boston, over fifty being present. President John M. Thomas and Dean of Women, Miss Caroline Crawford, attended.

President Thomas reviewed the accomplishments of the past few years, mentioning the completion of the $200,000 Foundation fund; the increased efficiency of the faculty, the personnel having been doubled in the last four years; the growth in student enrollment, Middlebury has twice as many students as were registered in 1906; the improved financial condition of the institution, the college income having been doubled in three years. President Thomas also announced the purchase of eighty acres of land for a new athletic field.

Dean of Women, Miss Crawford, spoke enthusiastically of the Women's Alumnae Association which has been recently organized.

Rev. Guy C. Lamson, '96, president of the Boston Association, who acted as toastmaster, also introduced the following speakers: Dr. Edward H. Baxter, '76, Dr. Burt M. Bristol, ex-'98, Rev. George M. Rowland, D. D., '83, Miss Laura S. Clark, '94, George H. Remelle, '72.

Several songs were sung, after which a brief business session was held, when J. Earle Parker, '02, of Woburn, Mass., was elected president and Miss Rena I. Bisbee, '00, of Watertown Mass., was reelected secretary and treasurer of the association.

Among those present were:

Mr. Edward W. Howe, '69
Rev. G. Wolcott Brooks, '73
Mr. Rufus Crane, '09
Miss Georgia A. Gardner, '10

Mr. James L. Barton, '81
Miss Helen Goodrich Rowland, '83
Rev. Guy C. Lamson, '96
Mr. Annis M. Sturges, '99
Mrs. Helen H. Fielden, '05
Mrs. Florence G. Gates, '05
Miss Anne F. Smith, '06
Miss Pauline A. Smith, '06
Mrs. Beatrice M. Briggs, '07
Mrs. Annie I. Gerry, '08
Mr. Winifred E. Fiske, '09
Mr. Wilmot T. Fiske, '09
Mr. E. C. Hadley, '10
Mr. Harold, S. Tuck, '11
Miss Helen Wood, ex-'11
Mr. Albert F. Burt'11
Miss Dorothy M. Tuttle, ex-'12
Miss Ethel P. Hall
Miss Lizzie Eastman
Mrs. H. E. Scott
Mrs. C. A. Hadley
Miss Elizabeth Scott
Mr. James H. Bristol
Miss Ada E. Bristol.

THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION.

A MEETING of the alumnae of Middlebury was held on Saturday afternoon, March 9, at Pearsons Hall, for the purpose of organizing an Alumnae Association.

Miss Cauble of the Carnegie Technical Institute of Pittsburgh, Penn., addressed the alumnae and seniors. The subject of her talk was the "New Scientific Education of Women", and the plea which she made was for the education of woman along lines which should enable them to do better the work which it falls to their lot to do in the world. In order that they may do better it is essential that they should know their relations to the rest of the universe, that they should understand the processes, not only which have produced man in his present sociological conditions, but also those by which he lives. They should understand about the composition of foods and the best uses to which these foods may be put in order that they may be suited to the nourishment of the race, and they should also understand how to best adopt the materials at hand to their uses.

In order that such results may be obtained Miss Cauble advocates the study of biology, bacteriology, physiology, psychology, home economics, and chemistry, for she believes that through the pursuance of these branches of study women can fit themselves for their work.

Miss Crawford spoke briefly of the two existing classes of alumnae, the one class desiring to introduce into the curricu a

of colleges and universities those courses so heartily endorsed by Miss Cauble and the other class which is desirous of excluding them on the plea that if they are introduced the courses of study will become practical to the exclusion of culture. The former class contends that the introduction of such subjects and the consequent fuller preparation of women for their life work will in no way hinder their cultural development.

At the business meeting held after Miss Crawford's talk, the committee, appointed to draw up a constitution for the association, submitted its report and the constitution was adopted.

The following officers were elected: Miss Florence C. Allen, '98, president; Miss Frances Warner, vice-president; Miss Eleanor Ross, '95, secretary and treasurer.

The executive board consists of the officers of the association, Mrs. Frank C. Dunn, '98, and Miss Ellen Gordon, '97.

After the business meeting the seniors served tea in the social hall.

The alumnae who attended were: Mrs. E. C. Bryant, '91, Mrs. John M. Thomas, '91, Miss Eleanor Ross, '95, Mrs. Taylor, '96, Miss Harriet Gerould, '97, Miss Florence Allen, '98, Miss Nellie I. Button, '01, Mrs. Mary E. Crane, '03, Miss Gwendolyn Hughes, '07, Miss Grace Buttolph, '08, Niss Mabel Wales, '09, Miss Margaret Whitney, '09, Miss Goldia Monroe, '10.

ALUMNI NOTES.

[Contrary to the usual custom, and perhaps contrary to the strict rendering of the title, the alumni and non-graduate notes are included under this department. We urge all alumni and all former sons of Middlebury to remember that the success of this department depends upon their contributions. Contributions should be addressed to C. L. Smiddy Alumni Editor, Middlebury, Vt, or to Miss Margaret Croft, Alumnae Editor, Middlebury, Vt.]

'79. Rev. Henry W. Hulbert, D. D., is serving as acting pastor of the North Congregational church at St. Johnsbury in the absence of Rev. George W. C. Hill, D. D.

'88. Edwin L. Allen represented Middlebury College at the 125th anniversary of the University of Pittsburg. The occasion called together a large number of educators from many points in the United States as well as from abroad. Mr. Allen reports a

very interesting and successful celebration of the founding of one of the oldest American institutions.

'90. Dr. W. H. Van Allen has been engaged to preach during Lent at the following places: St. Peter's, Albany, February 28, March 1; in Grace, Providence, March 11–15, and in Trinity church, New York, March 18–22.

'90. Congressman Charles N. Pray of Montana has declared himself in favor of the re-nomination of President Taft. According to the New York *Tribune* he has said: "All that I am sure about is that President Taft will be re-nominated. I believe also that he will be re-elected. He has a far better chance of election in November than Col. Roosevelt or any other man the Republicans could name.

'94. Rev. Charles B. Toleman is now pastor of the Congregational church of Woodbridge Conn.

'95. Rev. Charles L. Leonard was recently elected president of Troy Conference Academy. He has beeu serving as trsasurer.

'99. George W. Stone, now of Atlantic City, N. J., is to return to Vergennes to take up the practice of law as the successor of the Hon. F. L. Fish, who has recently been appointed to the Superior bench. Mr. Stone while a student in Middlebury, captured several prizes and graduated with high honors in 1899, being later awarded the degree of Master of Arts. He was admitted to the New Jersey bar in 1905 and duriug the past six years has built up an excellent practice in that State.

'00. Guy B. Horton is acting assistant professor in political science, during the absence of Professor Howard.

'02. Rev. J. Reginald Duffield has been studying the past year at a language school for missionaries located at Bangalore, Mysore Province, India. In July Mr. and Mrs. Duffield expect to join their station at Arni, Madras Presidency.

'03. Assistant Professor Robinson will spend the summer studying at the University of Grenoble, France.

'05. R. M. Pickard has formed a partnership with Mr. Benton, one of the leading lawyers of Keene, N. H.

'07. Gino A. Ratti will be one of the instructors at the college summer session.

'10. Richard Currier is principal of the high school at Champlain, N. Y.

'11. Woodburn Harris is principal of the high school at Ellenburg, N. Y.

'11. G. R. Hemenway has accepted a position with Prof. H. A. Summers of Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts at Ames, Iowa. Professor Summers has the chair of entomology and is also the State entomologist.

'11. Wayne C. Bosworth has entered the employ of the Columbia Trust Company, New York City, of which Mr. A. Barton Hepburn, '71, and Mr. James M. Gifford, '77, are directors.

'Ex-'12. The engagement of John English and Miss Leila Honsinger is announced.

ALUMNAE NOTES.

'05. Helen Fielden is returning home this month after an absence of several years as a missionary in China.

'09. Cora Derby is teaching in Zillah, Washington.

'10. Stella Cook is teaching mathemathics in Wilson Academy, Hyack, N. Y.

'11. The Misses Grace Allen and Ruth Burnham, attended the Sigma Kappa dance on February 17.

'11. Miss Gertrude Brodie, '11, was in town for the Pi Beta Phi dance February 10.

gift of a friend, who desires that his name be not mentioned. The land purchased, in all about eighty acres, consists of the Buttolph property on Main street, opposite the Protestant cemetery; and of Dean Walter E. Howard's land, extending from Miss Tilden's property on Main street, through the Linsley woods; and of the meadow south of Dean Howard's residence. The property is so situated that two entrances may be provided, the one on Main street, opposite the Delta Kappa Epsilon house, the other on South street. It is proposed to cut a road through from the Main street entrance to the east entrance on South street.

In addition to the purchase of the property the same donor has arranged for the beginning of work upon the field this spring. The exact location of the athletic field proper has not been definitely decided upon, but the site assures excellent facilities for drainage and warrants the best of position as regards orientation. The distance to the McCullough gymnasium will not be more than a thousand feet. The shortening of the dimensions of the football field, recently decided upon, will permit the placing of a baseball diamond in addition to the gridiron, within the track. The track will be a quarter of a mile to the lap with a one-hundred-yard straightaway. A second diamond, entirely separate from the above track and gridiron, will be built, Accommodations for spectators in the way of movable bleachers. such as are now used at Columbia, Cornell, Chicago and West Point, will remedy a present inconvenience. Professor Swett of the engineering department wishes to have the plans in their final form within a short time. It is hoped that work will begin as soon as weather conditions make it advisable. Efforts will be made to have the field ready next fall.

Few things have happened recently that have caused more favorable comment, especially among the student body, than this new athletic field.

THE RIVALS.

THE College, under the management of the Athletic association, presented Sheridan's The Rivals to a very large and enthusiastic audience on the evening of March 6th. The play was staged and directed by Dean of Women, Miss Caroline Craw-

STUDENT SECTION.

THE SUMMER SESSION.

THE fourth Summer Session will begin July 2 and continue until August 9. Courses have been arranged in three sections, the college extension section, the college section, the graduate section. The possibilities of study range from graduate work for higher degrees to work that has been provided with the pupils of the preparatory schools and individuals desiring general culture in mind. Special courses have been provided for teachers. The following departments will be represented: Education and Psychology, English, Roman Languages, German, Latin, History, Agriculture and Chemistry, Physics and Astronomy, Biology, Mathematics, Art, Home Ecouomics, and Music.

During the session a series of public lectures will be delivered. Hon. Payson Smith, whose work, as State Superintendent of Public Schools in Maine, makes him extremely well qualified, will give addresses on educational subjects. Walter Ballou Jacobs, A. M., Professor of Education at Brown University, will take for his subject "The Pupil with a Purpose." President Thomas has not announced his subject. The "Astronomy of To-day" will furnish material for Harlan True Stetson, Sc. M. Dartmouth College. Professor H. Parker Williamson, University of Chicago, will deliver two lectures on "French Life and Customs".

Many communications have been received and everything indicates that the coming session will be a most successful one. The Summer School Bulletin, copies of which may be obtained from Director Professor MacFarland, points out the natural advantages that Middlebury has for summer work. Certainly no more ideal place could be selected either for the individual who desires to devote all of his energy to study or for the individual who would combine study and recreation.

THE NEW ATHLETIC FIELD.

THE desirability of using the present athletic field for building purposes has resulted in the purchase of a new athletic field. The purchase is made possible through the generous

ford, and the high quality of the entertainment is entirely due to her training. An augmented college orchestra furnished excellent music between the acts; admirable taste in the nature and interpretation of the selections being shown. The Rivals offered very good opportunities to the individuals who played the various roles, excellent judgement having been evidenced in their selection. The dramatis personae follows.

MEN.

Sir Anthony Absolute,	Mr. Ralph W. Hedges
Captain Absolute,	Mr. Homer R. Denison
Faulkland,	Mr. Harold W. Abbott
Bob Acres,	Mr. John S. Woodward
Sir Lucius O'Trigger,	Mr. Michael J. Lahiff
Fag,	Mr. Earland B. Cook
David,	Mr. Edward R. Triggs
Thomas,	Mr. Homer J. Vail

WOMEN.

Mrs. Malaprop,	Miss Ruth Hill
Lydia Languish,	Miss Helen A. Harriman
Julia,	Miss Florine M. Parker
Lucy,	Miss Sarah D. Brown
Boy,	Master Paris Fletcher

ATHLETICS.

BASKET BALL SEASON ENDS.

THE basket ball season of 1911–12 ended February 21. The freshmen decisively defeated the sophomores and showed that they were easily entitled to the championship. The standing of the teams is as follows:

WON	LOST	1915	1914	1912	1913	LOST	TOTAL
1915 . . .			2	2	1	0	
1914 . . .				1	2	2	
1912 . . .					2	3	
1913 . . .						5	
Won Total		5	3	2	0		

ALL-CLASS BASKET BALL TEAM.

From the four class teams which played this winter a good, fast, aggressive combination could be picked which, with a little practice, could be depended upon to hold its own with many college aggregations.

For center two men stand out, Taylor and MacLaughlin. MacLaughlin is probably the better individual player. He seems out of place at center, however. In the two games in which the men participated Taylor invariably put the ball where he wanted it. For this reason Taylor is given the position. He is a steady, clean player, uses his head and shoots well. McLaughlin is given a position as forward. He is a good shot, steady and very fast. Of the regular forwards Weafer, Howard and Root are the best men. Root is a cool player, fast and a good shot. Had he played with a faster team he would have shown up much better. Howard is a good shot, but is slow and was out of condition most of the season. Weafer is extremely fast, a good shot, clean in handling the ball and a fighter. He is a good team player. Weafer would play his regular position, Root substitute.

It is rather hard to pick a pair of guards. Cronk, Haskins, and Schilling are all good guards and each plays a different style of game. Haskins would undoubtedly qualify on his all-round work. He plays an open game, guards his territory well, invariably getting the ball on long passes and is a sure shot. Schilling is a good man to put up against another team's star. He is a sticker, never losing sight and seldom hold of his man. Cronk is a good guard at either the open or close game. If he wishes he can keep any man from scoring. At the open game he is probably better. He can be relied upon to keep an opposing forward away from the basket or else get the ball. He would make a capable running mate for Haskins with Von Schilling as substitute.

The result is: Weafer, r. f.; MacLaughlin, l. f.; Taylor, c.; Haskins, l. g.; Cronk, r. g.

This team would be extremely fast. It would be aggressive. It would be hard to score on and with a little coaching should give a good account of itself in any company.

Question: Why can't Middlebury support a varsity basket ball team?

BASE BALL.

Less than a month remains before the opening of the base-ball season. Coach Fisher has been busy with the battery candidates for some time. Of last year's team we have Captain Stillson, Bundy, Leonard, Triggs, Weafer, Vail and Williams. The freshman class has some very good men. Manager Woodward has arranged an excellent schedule. An Easter practice trip will be taken this year. On April 8 and 9 the team will play the Connecticut Agricultural College at Storrs. From here they go to New York City, where New York University will be met on April 10. The next game, April 12, is in Brooklyn with St. John's College. The thirteenth finds the nine in Troy, crossing bats with Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. The first home game is with New Hampshire State College on April 25. Bowdoin is in Middlebury on April 26. The team takes a trip to Schenectady on May 4, when Union will be the opponent. The Junior Week games are with St. Lawrence University and with Lafayette on May 9 and 10 respectively. The next week, on May 18, everyone goes to Northfield for the first game with Norwich. Colgate is in Middlebury May 24. The next day we take on Clark School of Technology. This year we have a Decoration Day game in Middlebury against Norwich. May 31 and June 1 are scheduled with Clark School of Technology at Potsdam, N. Y., aud St. Lawrence Uuiversity at Canton, N. Y., respectively. The season closes with a game against the alumni on June 18.

STUDENT NOTES.

Miss Rachel Pike visited in West Rutland the week-end of March 1.

Miss Eleanor Hatch, '14, visited in Burlington over Washington's birthday.

Miss Blanche Bostwick spent Washington's birthday at her home in Burlington.

Miss Ruth Brigham of Worcester, Mass., was the guest of Miss Rachel Pike February 24–29.

Dean Walter E. Howard and Prof. Charles B. Wright have been granted a leave of absence until Easter.

Miss Charlotte Slocum, '13, visited Miss Edna Wilder, ex-'13, in New Haven the week-end of March 1.

The Misses Helen Durfee and Jane McLaughlin of the University of Vermont attended the Pi Beta Phi dance.

Miss May Green, of St. Albans was the guest of Miss E'eanor Hatch, '11, at the Pi Beta Phi dance February 10.

Miss Hilda Geran, Mt. Holyoke, '12, was the guest of her sister, Mary Geran, over the week-end, February 2 to 5.

Prof. Charles B. Wright gave a lecture and read from Dickens' "Nicholas Nickleby" in the chapel on the evening of February 7.

Miss Minette C. Norton, '12, spent the week-end of February 23–26 as the guest of Miss Jennie McLellan, '11, at Royalton.

Mrs. Bates of Pittsfield, Mass., was the guest of her daughter, Marjorie Bates, '12, at Pearsons Hall over the week-end, March 1 to 4.

Miss Elizabeth Cregan, ex-'13, and Miss Ethel Johnston, ex-'13, were the guests of Mary Johnson and Bessie Cudworth at Pearsons Hall over the week-end, February 9 to 12.

The Farmers' Institute held a meeting on February 24 under the auspices of the college. The College band furnished music in the afternoon. The Glee club sang in the evening.

Professor and Mrs. Wright were entertained at supper at Pearsons Hall on Tuesday, February 6, by the girls of the senior class. After supper a very enjoyable hour was spent around the fire in the social hall.

The Rev. Archibald Lancaster and Mrs. Lancaster were the guests of the college at supper on Friday evening, March 1. An enjoyable hour was spent in the social hall after supper, during which Mr. Lancaster spoke briefly to the girls on "What to hear and how to hear it".

On Saturday afternoon, February 24, a meeting of the ladies interested in the Farmers' Institute, was held at Pearsons Hall. Miss Harriet Gerould, instructor in the Domestic Science Department of the college, addressed the meeting. Later, the ladies were shown through the building, after which, tea was served in the social hall.

The College Glee Club, under the auspices of the Methodist church, gave a concert in the local town hall on the evening of February 15.

The "Deutsche Verein" met at the home of Professor Skillings on Friday evening, February 16. A comedy entitled, "Nein," by Benedix, and a novelle entitled, "Himmelschlüssel" were read. Pruda Harwood gave a piano solo. Current events were reviewed. The evening closed with refreshments and singing.

Nu of Sigma Kappa entertained at a dance in the Sigma Kappa rooms Saturday evening, February 17. Miss Gerould and Mrs. Lambert acted as chaperones. The guests of the evening were Miss Clara Eastman, an alumna of Alpha Chapter, Miss Ruth Burnham and Grace Allen, alumnae of Nu Chapter attended.

Vermont Alpha of Pi Beta Phi entertained at her annual dance in the Masonic hall on February 10. Mrs. Brainerd, Mrs. Stewart, Miss Gerould, Miss Clark, and Miss Crawford acted as chaperones. The guests of the chapter were: Miss Gertrude Brodie, '11, Miss Helen Durfee and Miss Jane McLaughlin from Vermont Beta, Miss May Green of St. Albans, Ralph H Waldo of the University of New York, Russell Halleck of Harvard, and Mr. Daniel W. Williams of New Britain, Conn.

A new fraternity, Delta Epsilon, has been organized recently. The charter members are: Ivers A. Hackett, '12, William Eben Greenleaf, '13, James S. Moran, '13, George H. Seavey, '13, Clarence W. McIntire, '14, John C. E. Voss, '14, Arthur R. Holden. '14, Elmer R. West, '14, Walter I. Metcalf, '14, Harold W. Haskins, '15, Frank S. Hunt, '15, George S. Potwine, '15, John M. Hoyt, '15.

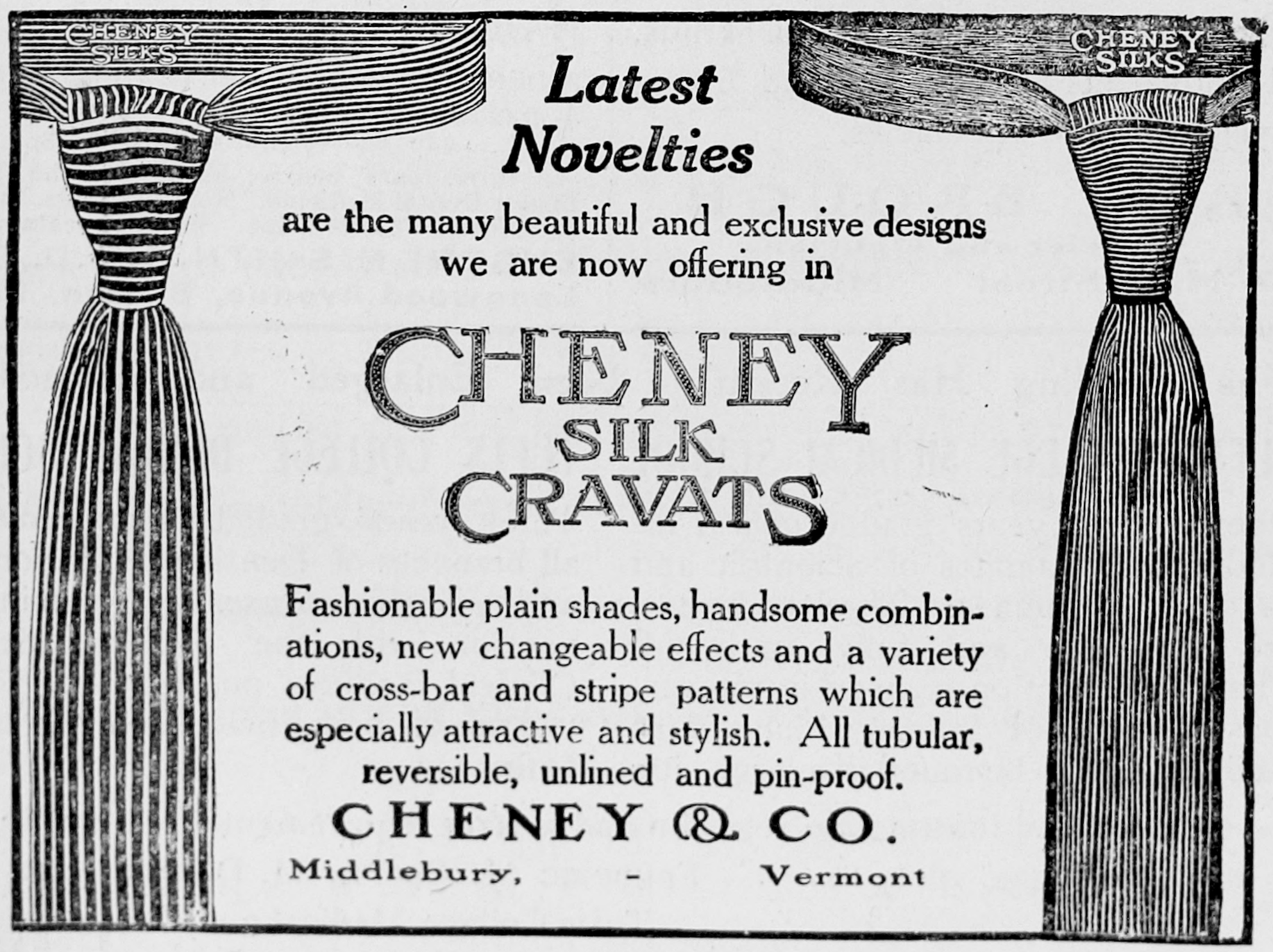
A Colonial party was held at Pearsons Hall on the evening of February 22. A unique display of "colonial" costumes was a conspicuous feature of the occasion. Miss Crawford's classes in physical education presented several "Folk Dances," the last number being the minuet. Later, dancing was participated in by all. After the singing of patriotic songs, refreshments were served in the dining hall of Battell Cottage.

The annual banquet of the Y. W. C. A. was held in the dining hall of Battell Cottage on Wednesday evening, March 13.

The tables were laid for about two hundred. The ladies of the faculty were guests of the evening. The banquet was served at 6:30 o'clock, under the auspices of the social committee. After the banquet the different committees of the association each presented a "stunt", and college songs were sung.

Miss Corbett, territorial secretary of the Northwestern Territory of the National Y. W. C. A., visited the Middlebury association over the week-end of March 1 to 4. During her stay she held many private interviews with the girls and reviewed the the work of the local association. On Sunday afternoon, March 3, Miss Corbett addressed the girls on the general topic of the problems of the average college girl in her religious life. Her talk was as well-expressed and concise an address as those who know Miss Corbett have learned to expect. After the meeting in the hemicycle tea was served.

The Junior Play, to be presented during the approaching Junior Week, will be Goldsmith's, "She Stoops to Conquer". The cast has been rehearsing for several weeks, under the direction of Dean of Women, Miss Crawford. Special scenery and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costumes have been ordered. The Committee hopes that it will be possible to hold the play in the McCullough Gymnasium. A second presentation will take place during Junior Week. The Rivals will also make a second appearance at that time.

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